

A festive winter scene featuring a snowy forest with tall, thin trees. In the center, a Christmas tree is brightly lit with warm white lights. The background is a soft, hazy green, and the foreground is covered in a layer of snow. The word "JOY" is written in large, white, sans-serif capital letters across the top of the image.

JOY

Do not be afraid. I bring you
GOOD NEWS that will cause
great joy for all the people.

LUKE 2:10

St. Clement Pope & Martyr
Rockaway Township, New Jersey



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT ✠ DECEMBER 17, 2023



LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Saturday -	December 16
4:30pm	Catherine A. Jugan (Elekes) LeRoy Ronan (Johansson) Peter S. Ventola Jr. (Ventola) John Head (Royek) Liturgy in Spanish
7:00pm	Liturgy in Spanish
Sunday -	December 17
8:30am	Martha Shadwell (Williams)
10:30am	Nicholas Dilizia (Dilizia) Sally Smith (Ramsay) Stipo Ivkusic All the Dearly Departed (Rodriguez) Liturgy in Spanish
12:30pm	Liturgy in Spanish
Monday -	December 18
9:00am	Parishioners
Tuesday -	December 19
9:00am -	Msgr. Eugene McQuaid (Parish)
7:00pm	Liturgy in Spanish
Wednesday -	December 20
9:00am	No Liturgy
Thursday -	December 21
9:00am	Ana Piplica (Healey)
7:00pm	Liturgy in Spanish
Friday -	December 22
9:00am	Patricia A. Felix (Felix)
Saturday -	December 23
4:30pm	Catherine A. Jugan (Elekes) Nicholas Melillo (Biase) For the Good Health of Anna & Jim Elekes (Martino) Liturgy in Spanish
7:00pm	Liturgy in Spanish
Sunday -	December 24
8:30am	Parishioners
10:30am	Elvira Hernandez (Engle/Veloso) All the Dearly Departed (Rodriguez) Liturgy in Spanish
12:30pm	Liturgy in Spanish
4:30pm	Zeman & Martino Families (Martino) Deceased Members of Antonio's Family Carmen Perez Jose Baez (Engle/Veloso)
7:00pm	Liturgy in Spanish

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11

Isaiah describes the joy and salvation which will accompany the coming of Christ. He compares the plants which spring from a garden to the justice that will spring from all nations.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Paul reminds the Thessalonians to constantly ready themselves for Christ's arrival. He tells them to "avoid any semblance of evil" so that they may be found irreproachable when Jesus does arrive.

Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28

John explains that he is only a messenger to the people for one more powerful than himself. John stresses to them that they must make a path for the one so powerful that he is not fit to unfasten the strap of his sandal.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK & SUFFERING IN YOUR PRAYERS

Jack Ferguson, Rane, Wilson & Julia Garcia, Steve DaSilva, Inaru Moctezuma, Dave DiPolis, Lillian Peluso, Ralph & Francis Anderson, Cassie & Alice Collins, Joseph Martino, Moira Noriega, Steve Shaw, Arden & Elisa McPhearson, Juan R. Labady, John Krsulic, Walter Delinsky, Daniel Mulhaul,, Kevin Bellini, Laura K, Agnes D, Maria Finocchiaro, Eli Durkin, Lance Wiedman, Dominic Nicastro, Colton Farrel, Carol Andreazza, Paul Verhoest, Mini Agront, Gloria Agront, Michael Palermo, Kathy Tarr, Dylan Evans, Dennis Tomala, Alex Marrese, Andrew, Lucy & Miguel Veja, Lucy Lanno, Alison Sorrentino, Kamil Nowak, Asnel Rivero, Alina Nicastro, Nancy Gaynor, P.J. Ferrone, John & Virginia Cummo, Maria Metzger, Deacon Hank Hyle, Elvira Hernandez, Angela Gorman, Helen LaFergola, Caroline Soto, Dylan Holland, Kathleen Imperiose, Barbara Randolph, Amy Pendrak, Josephine Condit. **If you would like to add someone to the list, please call the Parish Office 973-366-7095.**



ADVENT GIVING TREE

The Advent Giving Tree is up and loaded with ornaments in the Gathering Space. This is an opportunity for parishioners to reach out during the Advent season to local families who would not have Christmas gifts without our help.

As in the past, please note that the timeline for shopping and return of gifts is VERY short. **Please return your unwrapped gift by Sunday, December 17th** and make sure to securely attach the Giving Tree Tag to the outside of your gift. You may place your gifts under the tree.

If you have any questions, please call Irene Byrne at 973-714-1941.

ST. CLEMENT CHURCH



If you or anyone you know is in need of food, please call the Parish Office (973-366-7095) or Irene Byrne (973-714-1941) Monday thru Friday to arrange to pick up pre-packed bags of food. All information is confidential.

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CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS SCHEDULE

4th Sunday of Advent

December 23rd 4:30pm

December 24th 8:30am
10:30am

Christmas Eve

December 24th 4:30pm

Christmas Day

December 25th 10:30am

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

December 30th 4:30pm

December 31st 8:30am
10:30am

New Year's Day - Solemnity of Mary

(not a holyday of obligation this year)

January 1st 10:00am



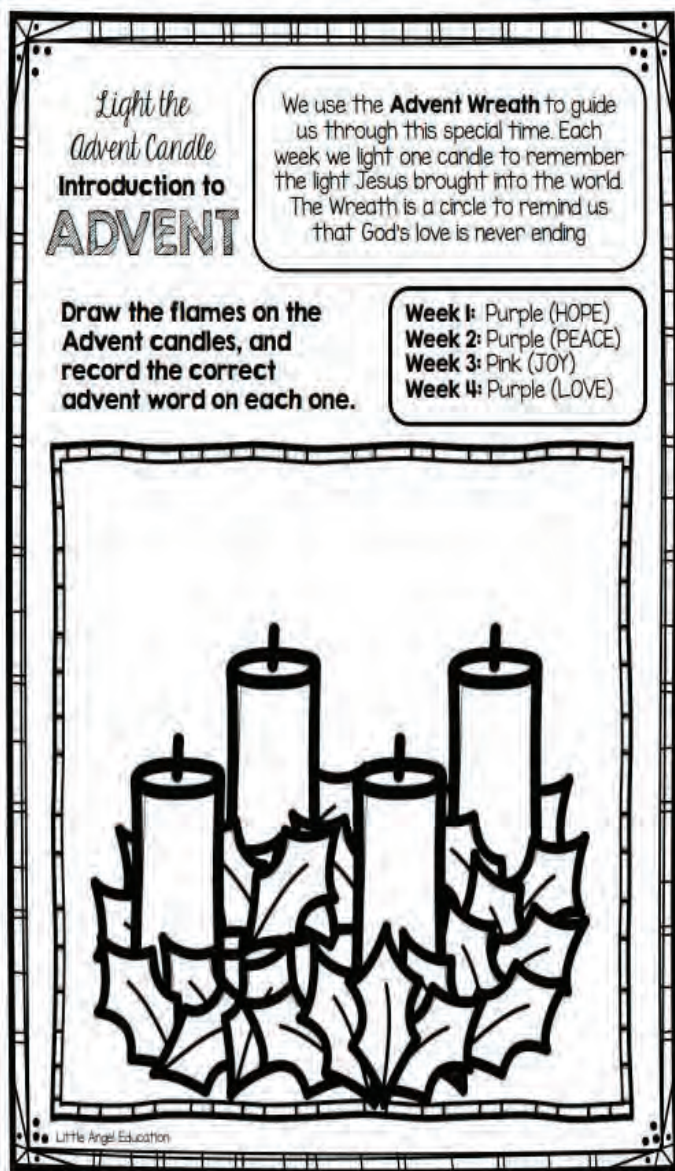
2024 PARISH CALENDARS

2024 Parish Calendars are available and can be picked up after the Masses in the Gathering Area. Thank you to Whitman-Kanapaux Funeral Home in Rockaway for their goodness in supplying us with our parish calendars.

Religious Education

**NEWS
REMINDER!**

No Sunday classes until 1/7/24
No Monday classes until 1/8/24



DECEMBER 17th ADVENT Week 3:
Light/Color the first (HOPE) and second **purple** (PEACE) candles and the **pink** candle this week for **JOY**. Pray: "Living God, fill us with joy and wonder in all your creation. Help us to keep our hearts and hands open to others. Amen."

NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome all visitors to our parish. If you attend Mass with us on a regular basis and have not registered, please complete the form below and drop it in the collection basket. We will call you to register with our Parish. If you have a change of address or plan on moving, please complete the form as well.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone# (daytime phone #) _____

E-mail _____

Change of Address _____

I would like to receive Envelopes _____

ST. THERESE MINISTRY PRESENTS

On **Tuesday, December 19th**, the last prayer service for 2023, we will offer a performance by Dan Yates, a NYC Broadway professional singer offer a free Christmas concert at St. Catherine of Siena Church, 10 N. Pocono Road, Mountain Lakes, NJ at 1:00 p.m. His performance will be spectacular and definitely put you in the "Christmas spirit." Come join us for fellowship and meet some wonderful people. You don't want to miss his performance!! **Any questions please contact Carol Bsarany 973-271-9252.**

**NJ CONSERVATORY PRESENTS
HANDEL'S MESSIAH**

NJ Conservatory Symphonic Chorus accompanied by its Baroque Orchestra performs at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, 246 Woodport Rd., Sparta, NJ

Sunday, December 17, 2023 at 4:00PM
Edwin Foster, Director.

Call 973-402-2004 for tickets. Prices: \$45, \$40, \$35. Student discount 30%. No children under 8 years old.

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Gospel Today

Third Sunday of Advent | John 1:6-8, 19-28

Year B

BE AWARE, PREPARE, REJOICE!

John the Baptist denies being the Christ. He is sent to testify to the light, the coming of Christ, light of the world.

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THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

ARRIVAL OR COMING OF CHRIST

GAUDETE SUNDAY

The Rose Candle

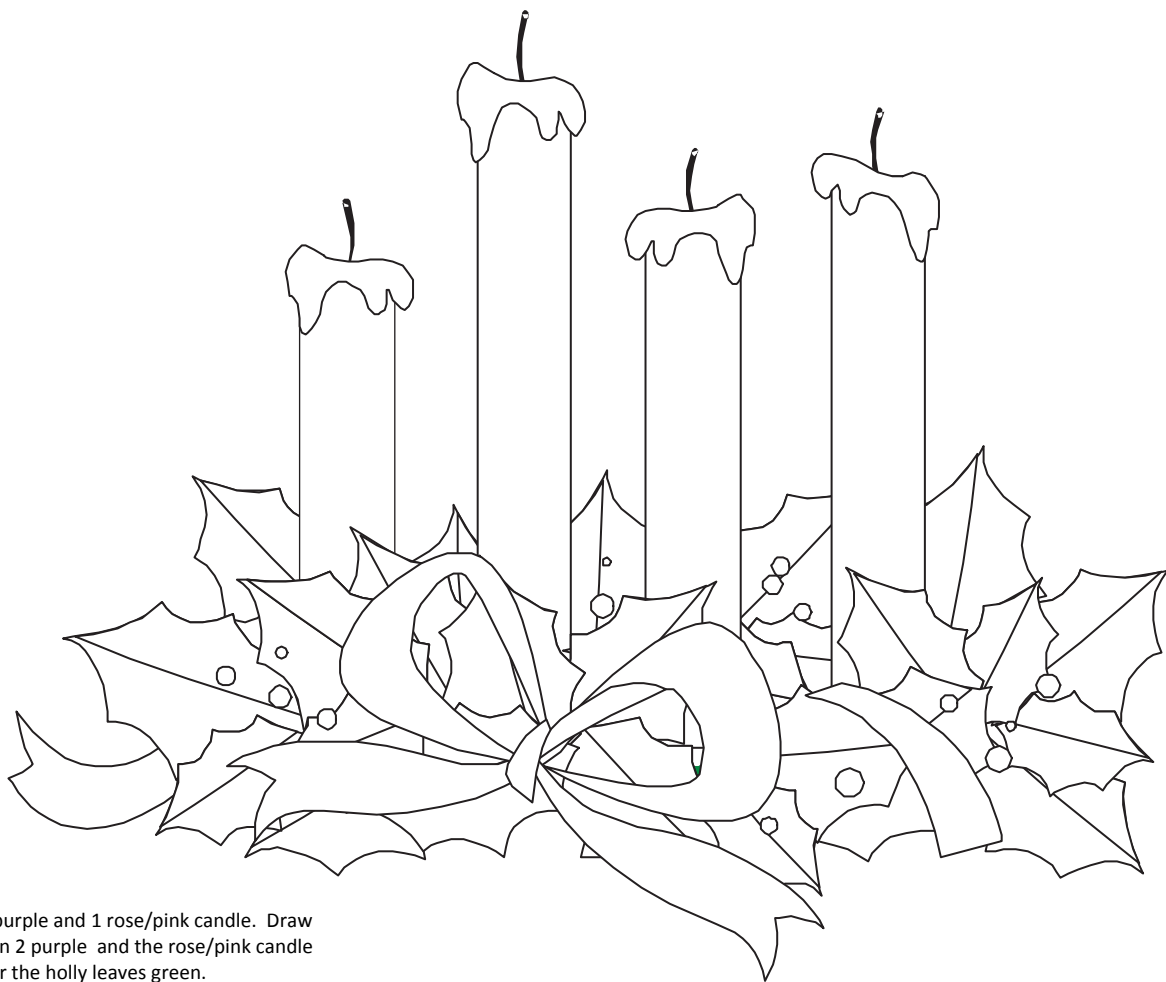
The rose/pink candle represents hope and joy. Rejoice! We are halfway through Advent and Christmas is near. Christ, light of the world, is coming soon.

WEEK 3, evening lighting prayer

Prayer said by Father or head of household

"O Lord, we beg Thee, incline Thy ear to our prayers and enlighten the darkness of our minds by the grace of Thy visitation. Through Christ our Lord, Amen".

Mother lights the first & second purple and the rose/pink candle.



Color 3 purple and 1 rose/pink candle. Draw flames on 2 purple and the rose/pink candle and color the holly leaves green.

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